

Regents Recap

Highlights of the Official Actions of the Louisiana Board of Regents

January 23, 2003

Academic Programs

Eliminations/Consolidations:

As a result of ongoing program reviews, and in cooperation with campuses, the Board of Regents eliminated three academic programs and consolidated four academic programs into two today.

Teacher Preparation Program Approvals:

The Board of Regents granted approval of the following redesigned teacher preparation programs:

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs for grades PK-3, 1-6, and 7-12 at Grambling State University

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs for grades 1-6 plus mild/moderate special education and the Non-Masters/Certification-Only Alternate Certification Program for grades PK-3, 1-6, 4-8 (Mathematics and Science), and 7-12 at Louisiana Tech University

Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Programs for grades 4-8 and the Non-Masters/Certification-Only Alternate Certification Program for grades PK-3, 1-6, 4-8, 7-12, and mild/moderate special education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Practitioner Teacher Program for mild/moderate special education at McNeese State University

Conditionally-Approved Programs:

The Board received status reports on the following conditionally-approved programs:

Louisiana State University and A&M College - B.A. in Women's and Gender Studies

LSU Health Science Center - M.S. in Nursing-Nurse Anesthesia

Southern University-Shreveport: A.A.S. in Safety and Hazardous Materials Technology

Bossier Parish Community College: A.A.S. in Industrial Technology

South Louisiana Community College: A.A.S. in Emergency Health Science; A.S. in Criminal Justice; A.S. in Industrial Technology

River Parishes Community College: Associate of General Studies; Associate of General Science; A.A. in Liberal Arts

Paraprofessional Education Programs

The Board of Regents voted to grant precertification status to Baton Rouge Community College, Louisiana Delta Community College, River Parishes Community College and South Louisiana Community College. This action will allow students at those schools to obtain college credit in order to be classified as paraprofessionals and to meet requirements under the federal *No Child Left Behind* program.

Proprietary Schools

The Board of Regents revoked the licenses of Culinary Arts Institute of Louisiana (Baton Rouge) and King's Career College (Baton Rouge). Both schools had recently lost accreditation and, as a result, federal funding. Both schools had discontinued classes, which precipitated the action by the Board. Action will now be taken to secure student records and to assist students in transferring to other programs.



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Awards

Teacher Quality - “University Rewards”

The Board of Regents presented “University Rewards” checks to 13 institutions for outstanding passage rates of pre-service teachers on the state’s examination for teachers (PRAXIS), as part of the Regents-issued Institutional Report Cards. Institutions with a passage rate of 92%-100% received checks in varying amounts, as determined by the size of the institution. The following campuses received awards:

Public Universities: Louisiana Tech University (\$7,500); Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge (\$10,000); Louisiana State University – Shreveport (\$7,500); Nicholls State University (\$7,500); Northwestern State University (\$7,500); Southeastern Louisiana University (\$10,000); University of Louisiana at Lafayette (\$10,000); University of Louisiana at Monroe (\$7,500); University of New Orleans (\$10,000).

Private Universities: Centenary College (\$5,000); Dillard University (\$5,000); Louisiana College (\$5,000); Loyola University (\$5,000).

Research Enhancement Awards

The Board of Regents approved seven (7) Research Enhancement Awards in response to proposals submitted in connection with the Louisiana Space Consortium. The recipients were as follows:

Michael L. Cherry, Louisiana State University - Compton Scatter Transition Radiation Detectors for High Energy Cosmic Rays.

Keith A. Gonthier, Louisiana State University - Explosively Driven Micro-Actuators: Analysis of Micro-Scale Combustion and Power Generation.

William A. Hollerman, University of Louisiana-Lafayette - Survivability of Candidate Solar Sail Materials Due to Proton Irradiation.

Marcio S. de Queiroz, Louisiana State University - Control of Active Magnetic Bearings with Reduced Power Losses: Preliminary Experimental Validation.

Yitshak M. Ram, Louisiana State University - The Transcendental Inverse Eigenvalue Problem and Its Application to Aerospace Structures.

Abdelkader Tayebi, Louisiana Tech University - An Integrated Framework for Reliability Based Multidisciplinary Optimization with Application to the JPL Mars Netlander Seismometer .

Wanjun Wang, Louisiana State University - Microfabrication of Some Micro-optical Components of Integrated Optical Benches for Space Applications.

Support Fund

In the wake of a national downward trend in state education endowment fund performance, and in an effort to be prudent in the management of Louisiana’s declining 8g fund earnings, the Board of Regents reduced its current (2002-03) budget from \$28 million to \$25.9 million. As a result of the overall reduction, the following reductions in specific program budgets will apply for the remainder of the 2002-03 fiscal year:

Research Competitiveness Subprogram of Research and Development Program - Reduced from \$1.5 million to \$1.2 million

Traditional Enhancement - Reduced from \$6.256 million to \$5.005 million

Undergraduate Enhancement - Reduced from \$1.6 million to \$1.28 million

Two-Year Institutions Enhancement - Reduced from \$1.0 million to \$800,000

Recruitment of Superior Graduate Students - Reduced from \$1.0 million to \$800,000 (effect to be realized in FY04-05)

For more information on these and other Board of Regents actions, please visit our website at www.regents.state.la.us.